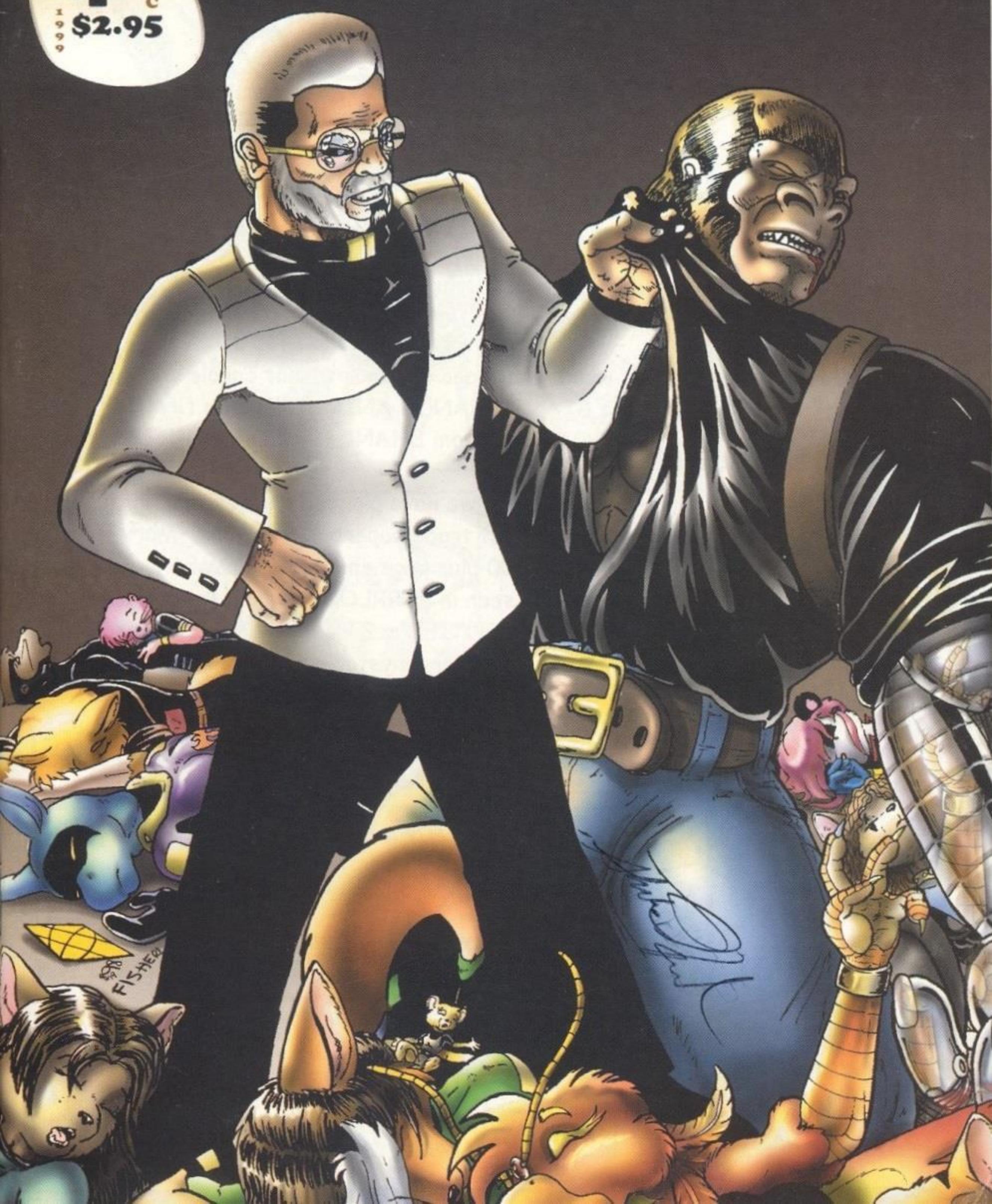




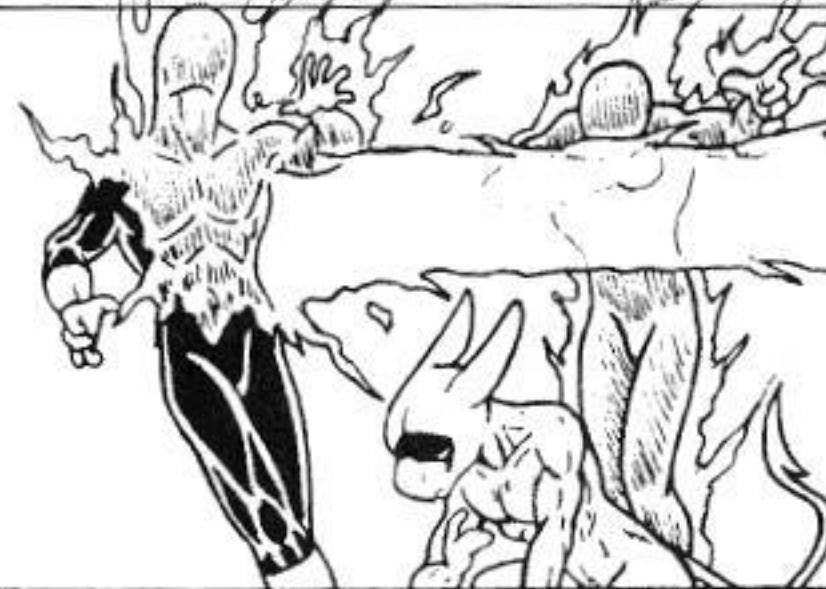
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LAST TIME: IN AN ATTEMPT TO FREE THE PRISONERS OF THE ALIEN SLAVE COMPOUND, PHENIX AND CREW...



THEIR RESCUE ATTEMPT WAS SHORTLIVED, HOWEVER, AFTER A CONFRONTATION WITH WARFARE AND THEIR FORMER ALLIES.



...RESCUES UMNUS THE SHADOWCREEPER WHO AGREES TO JOIN THEM.



AGREEING, MICRO RELEASES SCARLET AND KAT FROM THEIR CONTROL COLLARS JUST AS A GUARD ARRIVES.



THAT GUARD HAPPENS TO BE MAXWELL MANK, KAT'S PRE-MATE.



MEANWHILE, THE OTHERS COME FACE TO FACE WITH THEIR CAPTORS LEADER, NOAH ADAM MAHN.

MAHN REVEALS HIS KIND'S PLAN FOR THE PLANET ALDEN.

NOW FREE, THEY FACE THE BATTLE OF THEIR LIVES AS THE SURVIVAL OF ALDEN AND ALL OF ITS INHABITANTS RESTS SOLELY ON THEIR SHOULDERS.



AND YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD PRESSURE FILLED LIVES.



COUNTDOWN to EXTINCTION PART 5

YOU HAVE FOUR
MINUTES UNTIL MY
ROBOTS ARE
LAUNCHED AND
THIS CITY BECOMES
THE FIRST OF MANY
TO BE DESTROYED!

THIS IS YOUR LAST
CHANCE TO SERVE ME...

...OR DIE!

HOW ABOUT "C", FOR
NONE OF THE ABOVE?

PHENIX, WE HAVE TO BUY
SOME TIME. WE HAVE
A FRIEND THAT CAN
SHUT THE COMPUTER
SYSTEMS DOWN.

GREAT! THAT'LL FREE
THE SLAVES AND STOP
THE ROBOTS

I HAVE AN ANSWER
FOR YOU, MAHN.



UMPH!



THE SYSTEM'S ON AUTO. THANK MY WHISKERS THEY DEPEND ON MACHINES SO MUCH

OKAY, MICRO. THIS IS EASY.

JUST HACK INTO THE SYSTEM'S PRIMARY SECURITY SYSTEM WITH THIS HOLOGLOVE... BY-PASS THE SECONDARY ALARMS ENTER THE PASSWORD AND BINGO



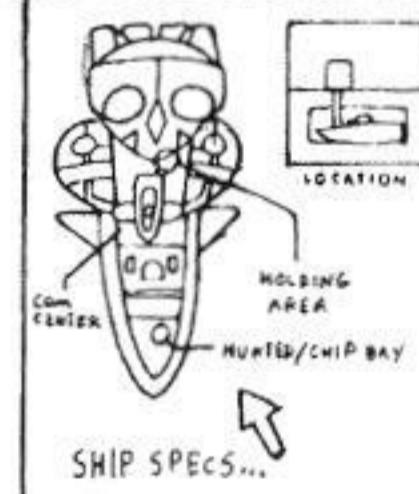
LET'S SEE... POWER GRIDS, WEAPONS, DRIVE SYSTEM... AH, HA!

HOLDING CELL POWER GRIDS! DISARM. OPEN CELLS. SECURITY ALARMS OFFLINE.

SECT... 7C POWER GRIP

DISARMED...

CANCEL



TAP! TAP! TAP!



NOW THE HARD PART. STOPPING THOSE ROBOTS IN THREE MINUTES.

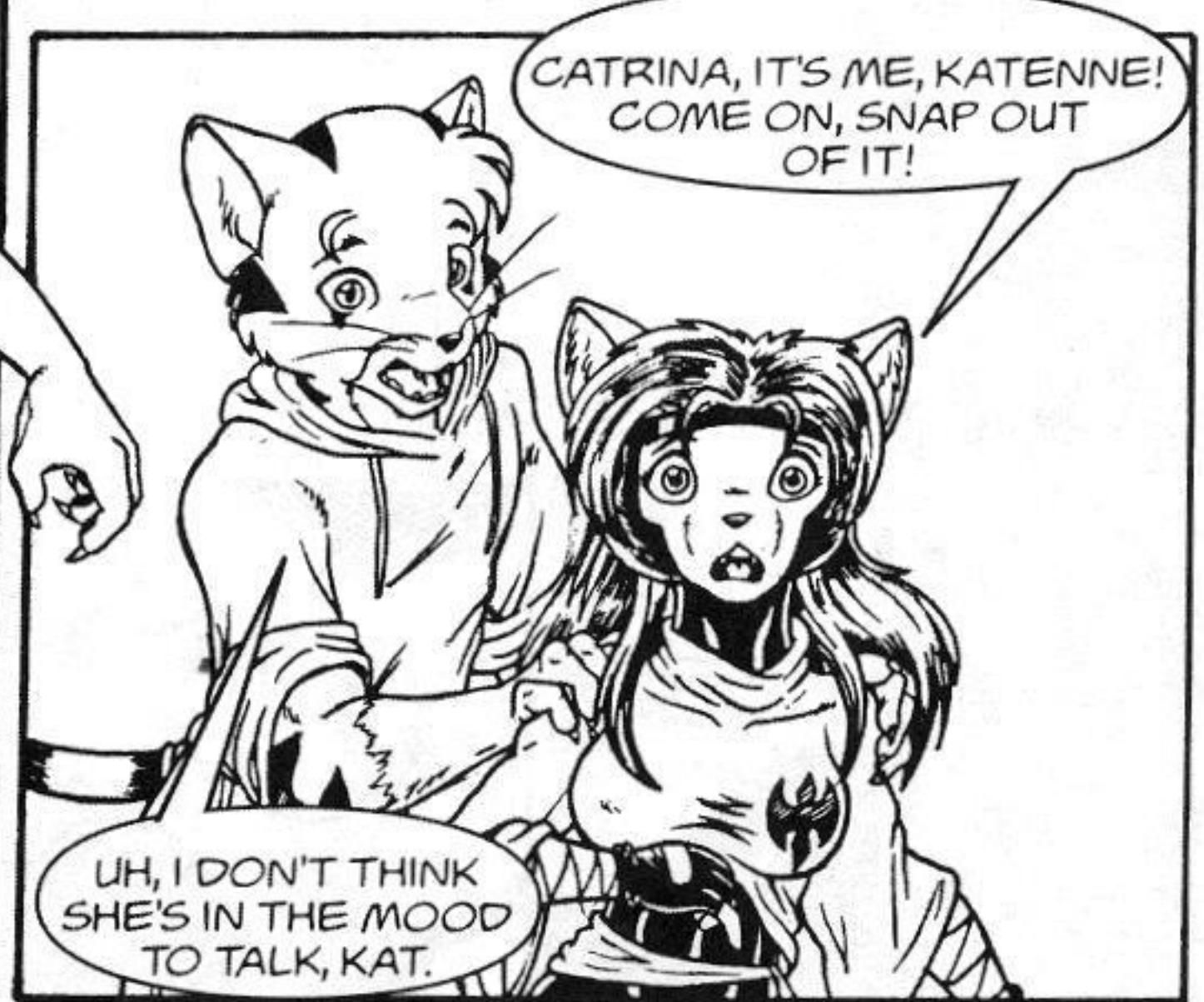
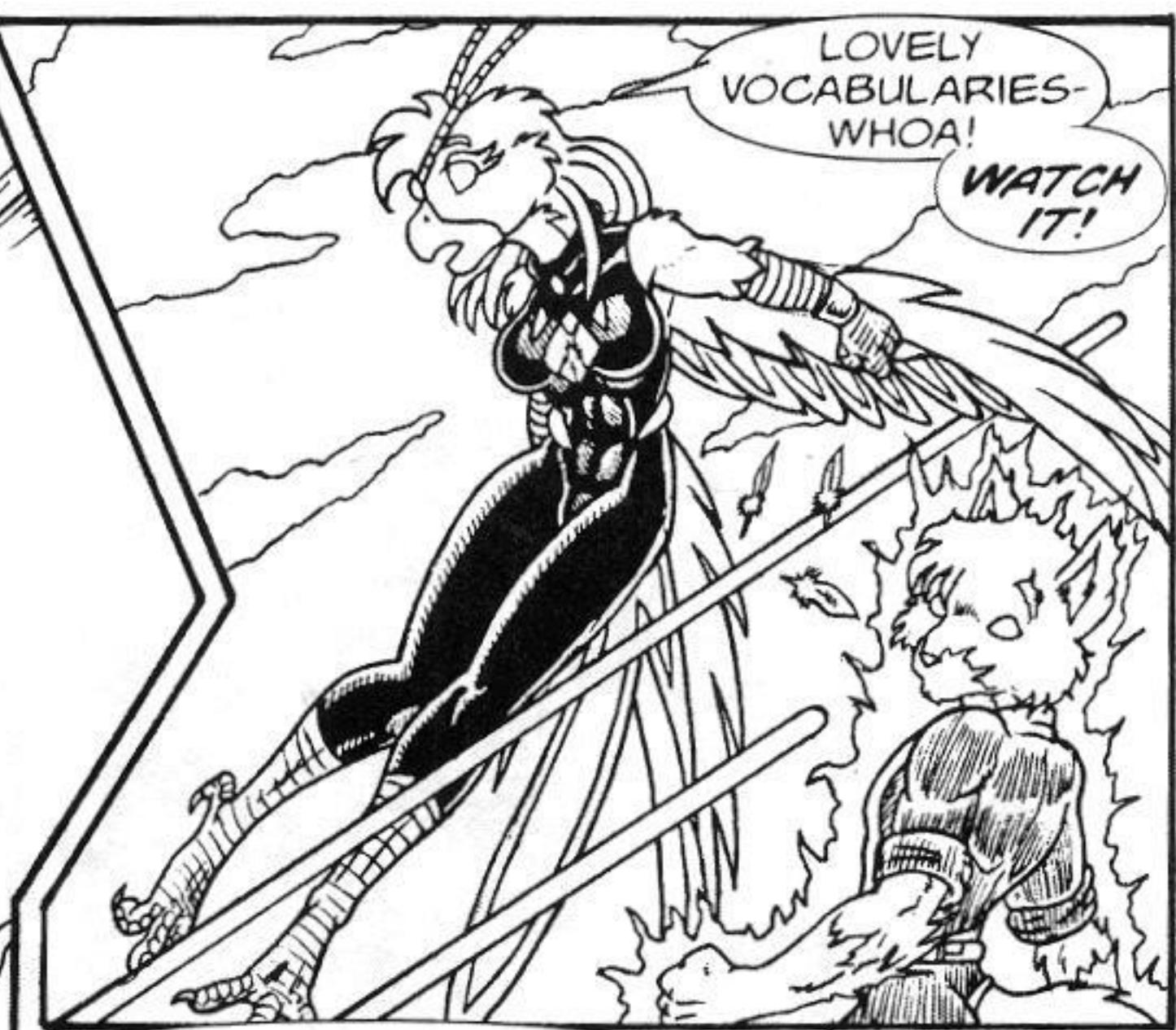






SHOULD'VE LISTENED
TO THE BIRD MUST,
BECAUSE YOU'LL RUN
NO FARTHER.





LOOK ARTICA, CUT IT OUT RIGHTNOW, OR I'M GOING TO HAVE TO HURT YOU!

GRR!! YOU ASKED FOR IT!



HA!

YOU'LL BE THE ONE WHO'S GONNA GET HURT!



WHAT THE!?!?

LOOK AT YOU. ALL BARK AND NO BITE!

ARRGH!!



WRONG AGAIN.

MY ICEPAWS ARE GOING TO CRUSH YOU!



TSK TSK SUCH A CRUDE MUZZLE YOU HAVE, BUT NOT A BAD IDEA.

MOUNT OFF, YOU TAIL WAGGER!

YOU THINK RED WILL WANT TO HELP ME ONCE YOU'RE A FROZEN STIFF?



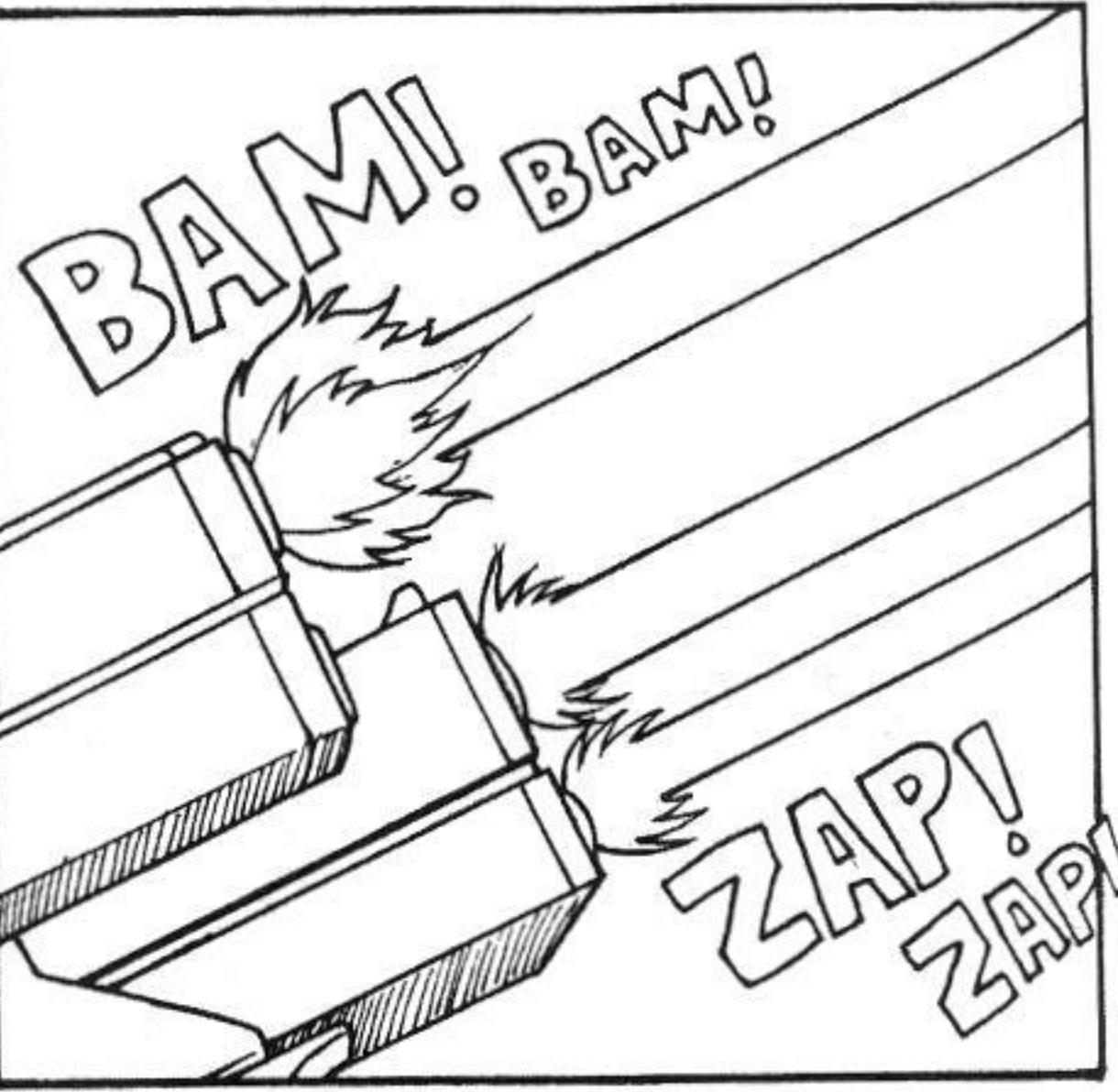
ARTICA, YOU'D BETTER PRAY THAT'S THE COLLAR TALKIN!

BECAUSE, SO HELP ME,
IF YOU EVEN SO MUCH AS
SCENT RED....

URK!

GRAB

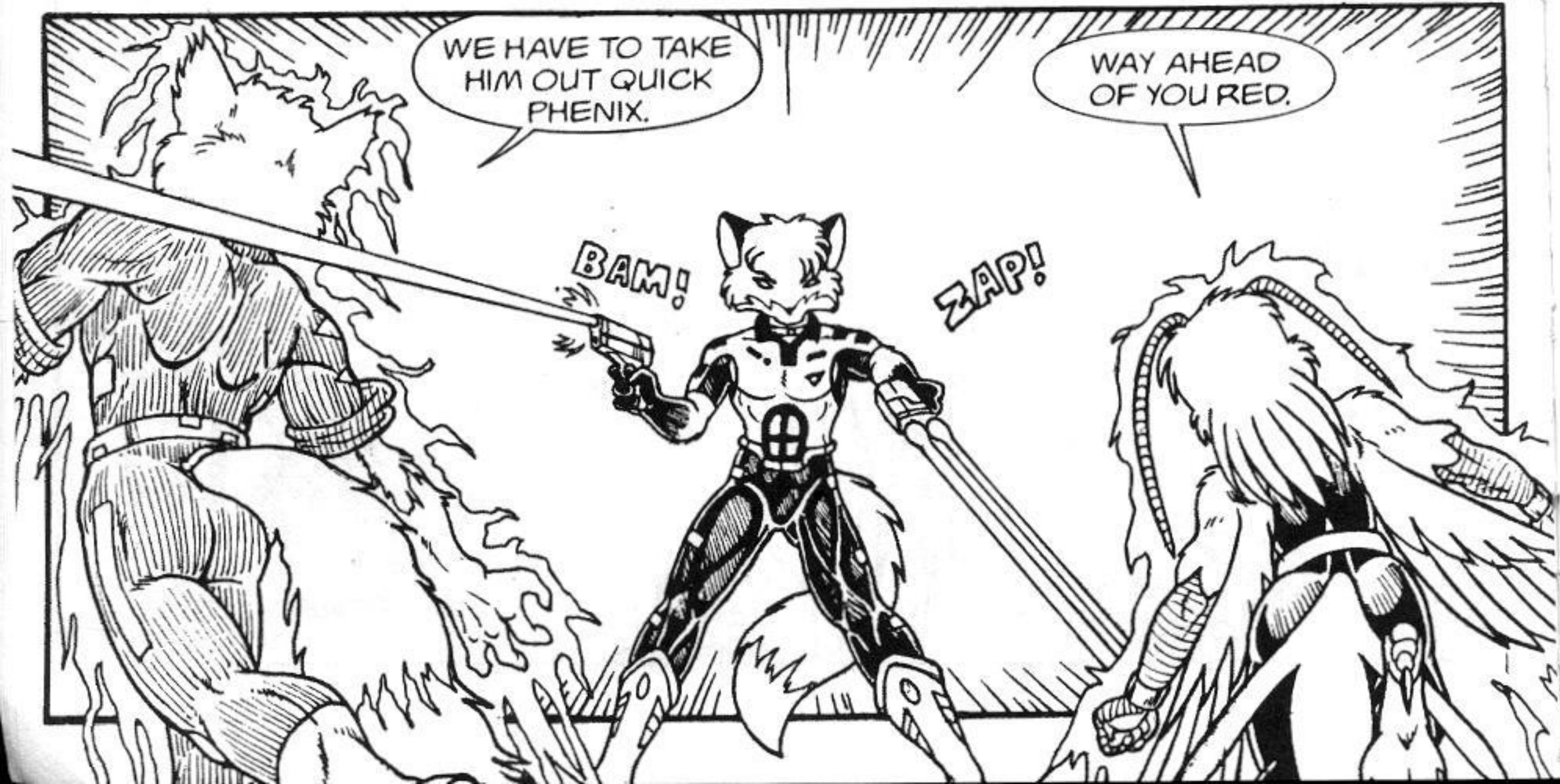
THIS COLLAR WON'T
BE THE ONLY THING I'LL
RIP OFF OF YOU.



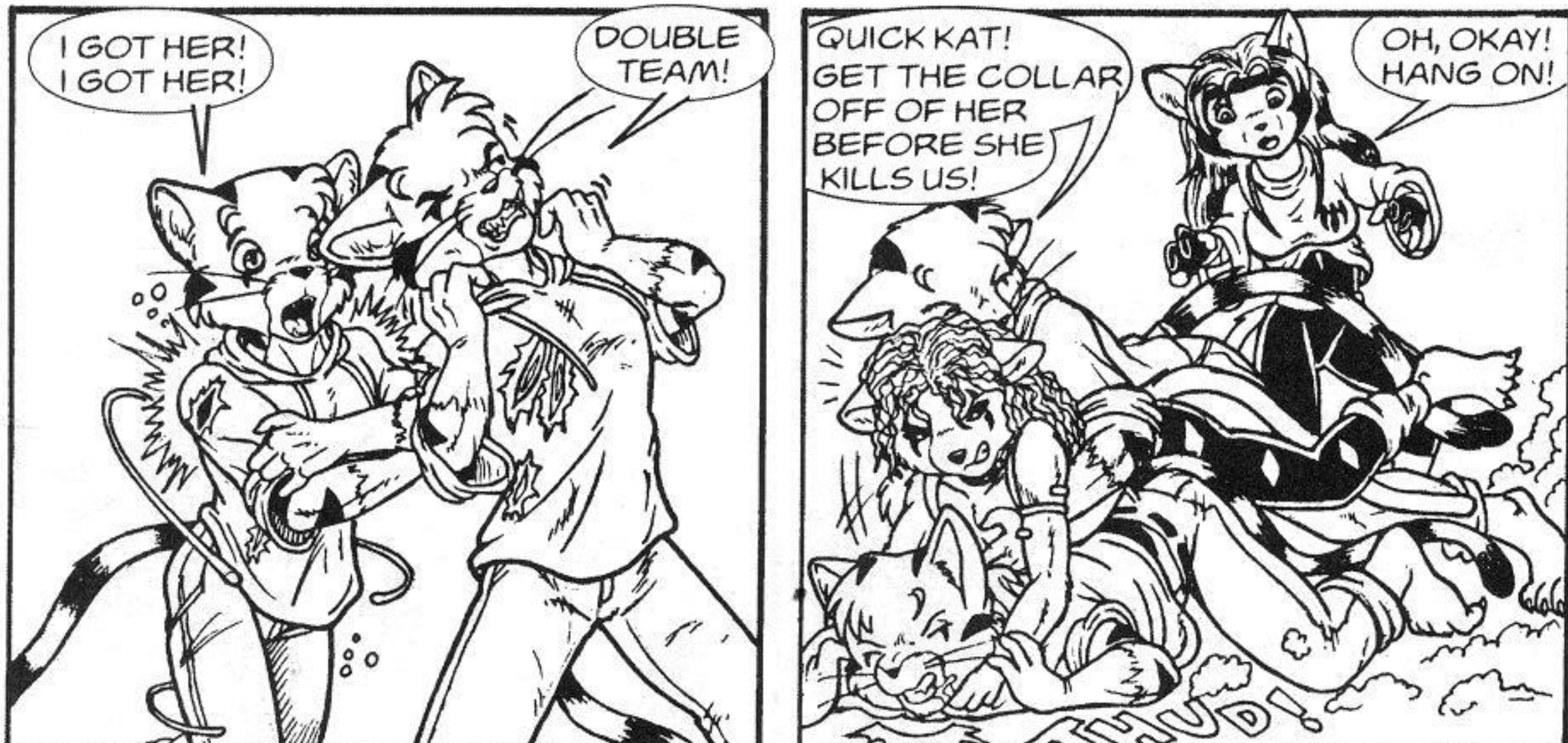
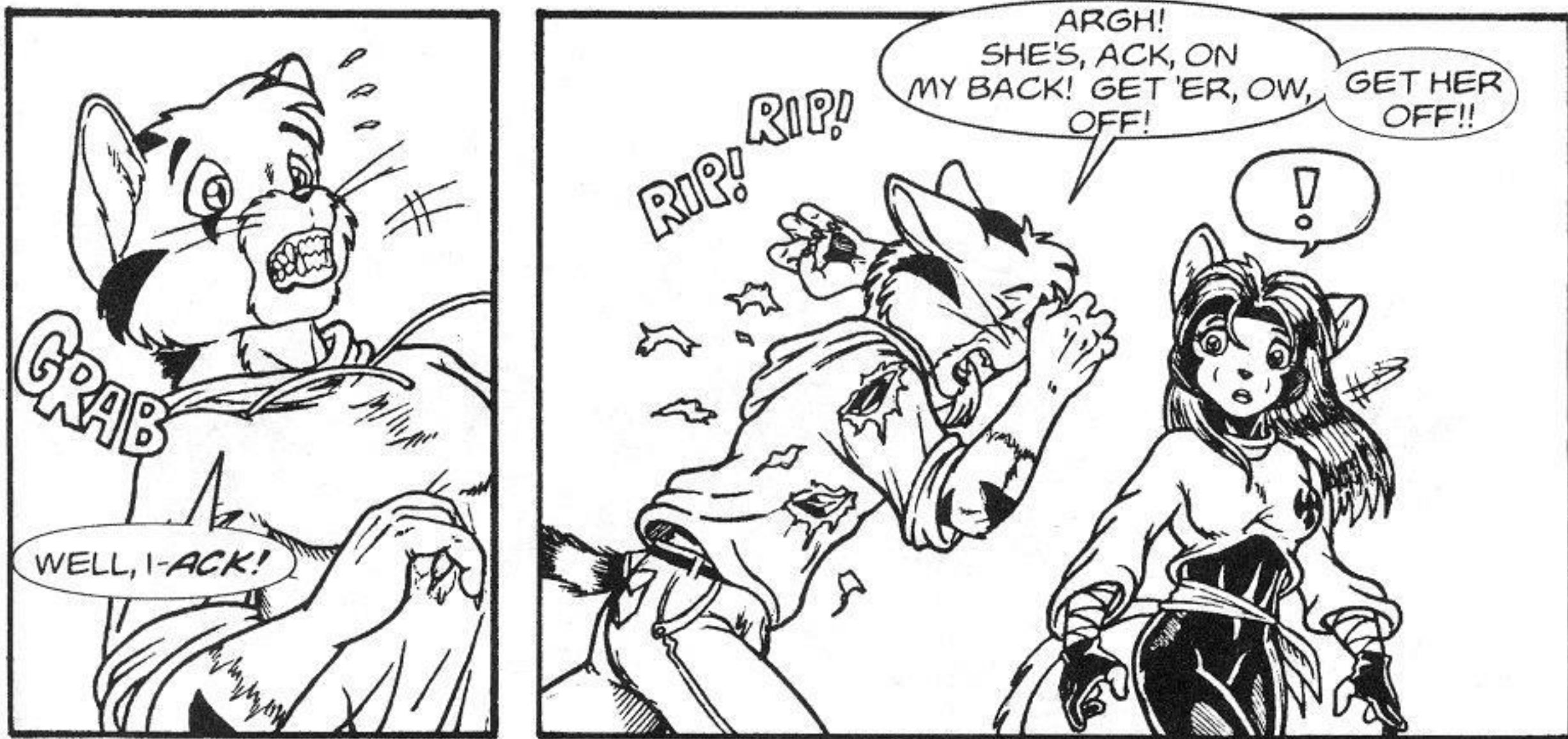
WE HAVE TO TAKE
HIM OUT QUICK
PHENIX.

WAY AHEAD
OF YOU RED.

BAM! ZAP!

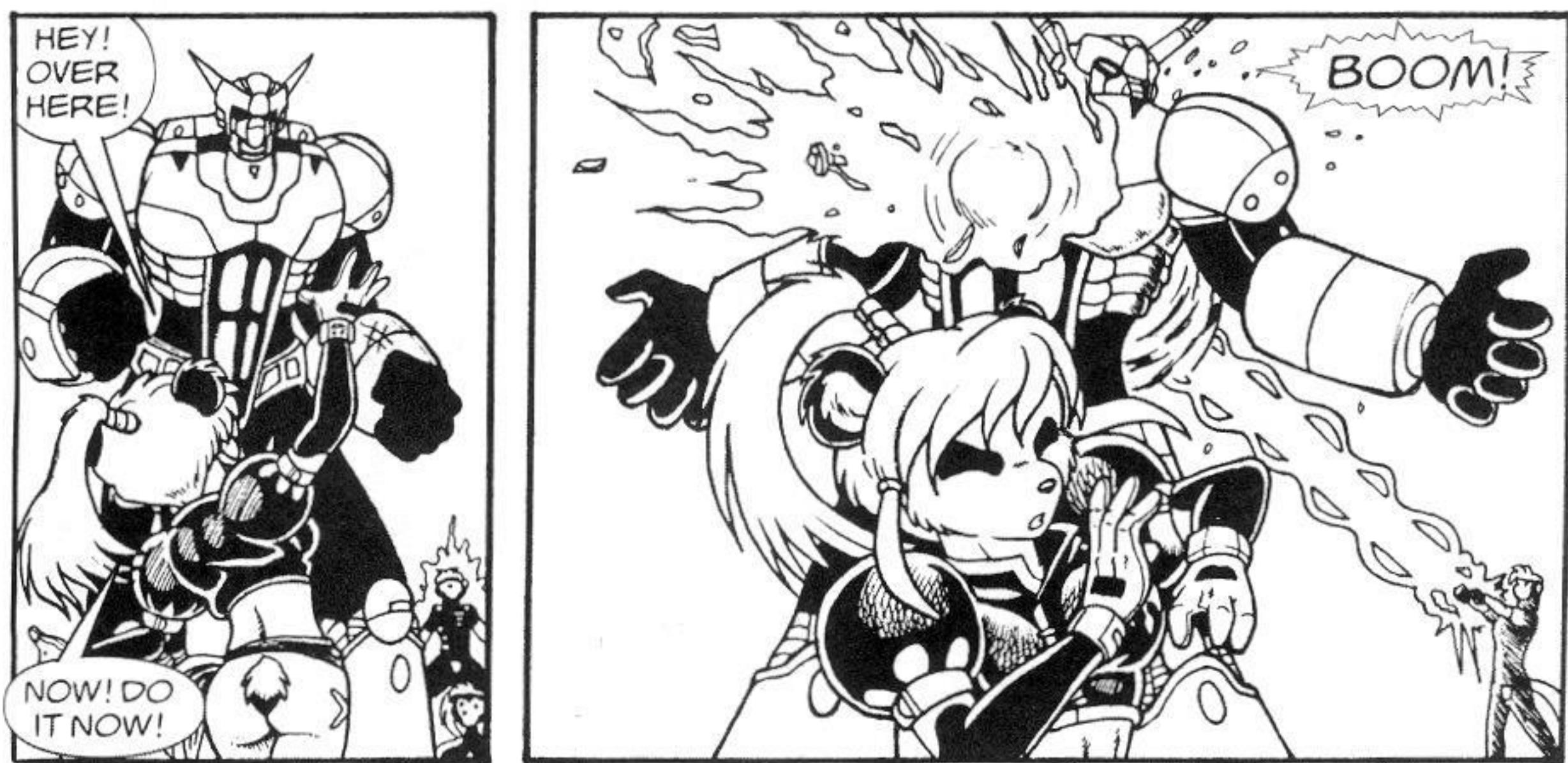
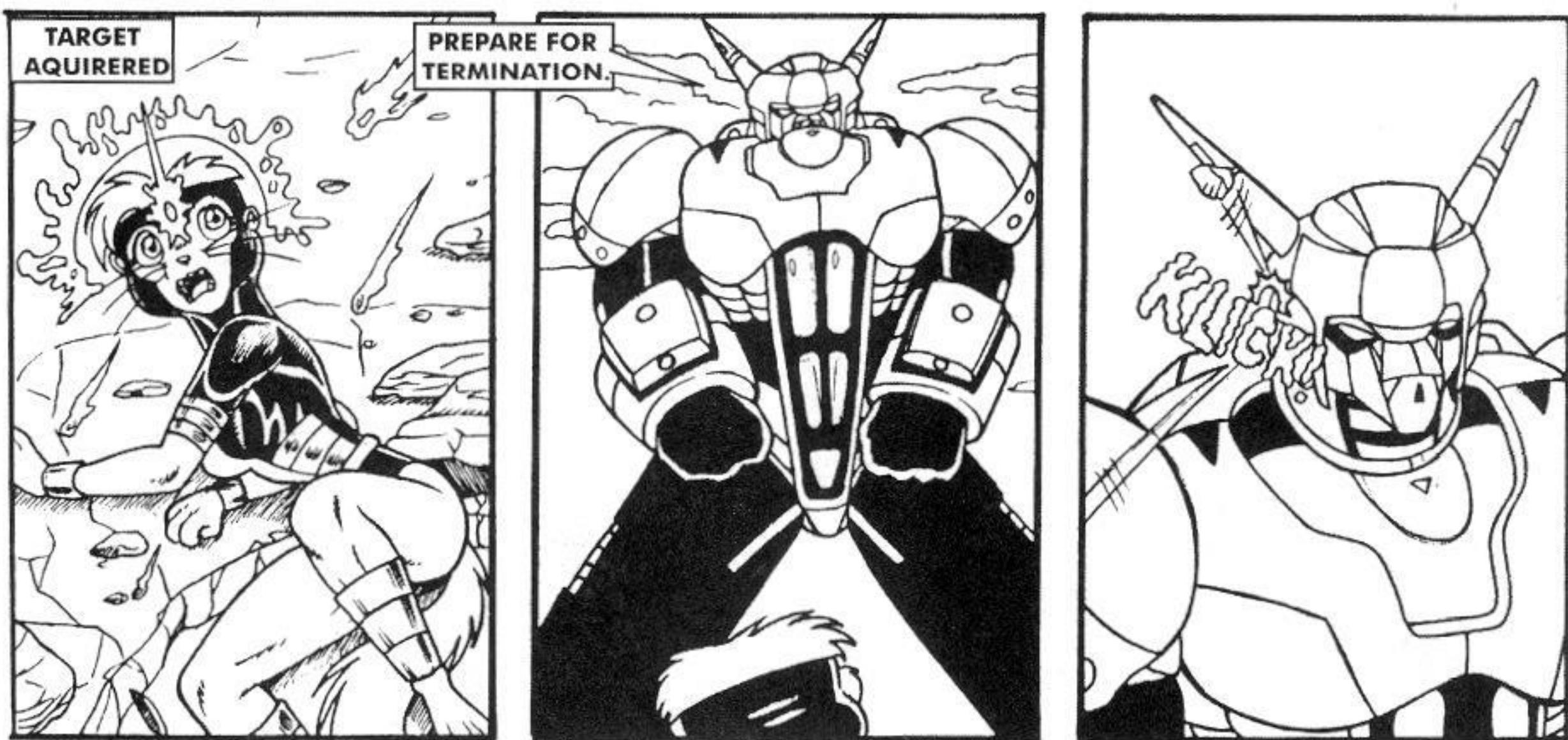






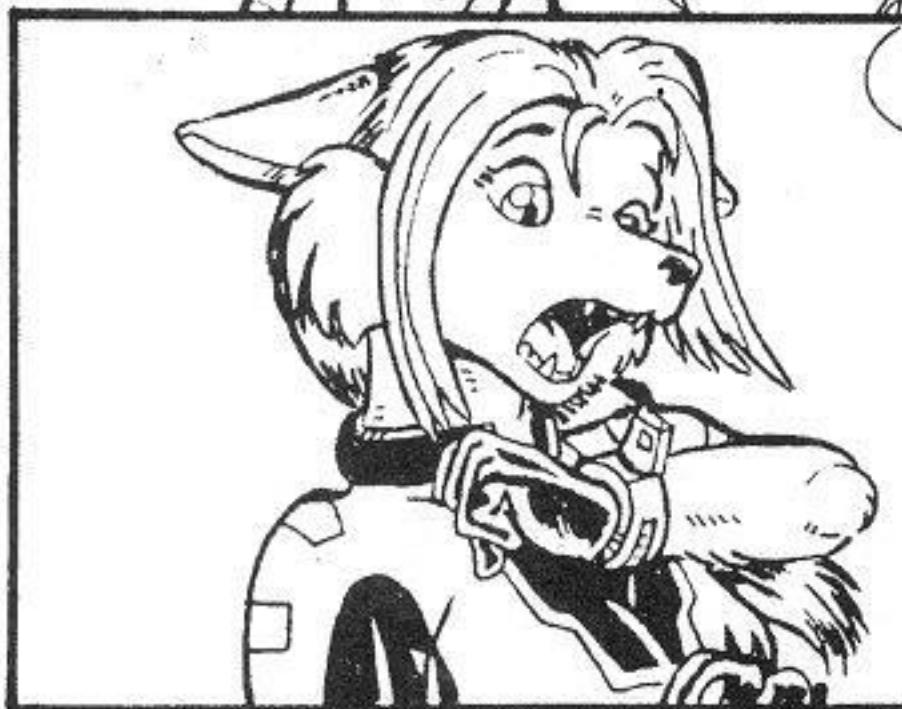








MICRO!
WHAT'S GOING
ON?





THE SELF-DESTRUCT HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.

I'LL DO BOTH!!

A MANDROID?



DO YOU THINK A MAKER WOULD RISK HIS LIFE ON AN EXPLORATIVE MISSION?

WE WERE TO SET ROOTS AND ASSESS THIS WORLD'S CAPABILITIES!

THE MAKERS ARE COMING AND YOU WILL DIE!

MAN SHALL ONCE AGAIN INHERIT THE EARTH!



NOT AS LONG AS WARFARE LIVES.



MEANWHILE TOPSIDE-

LOOK, WE DON'T HAVE
MUCH TIME!

SCARLET, CEECEE,
WITH ME!

RED, UMNUS, WALICE:
TRY TO STOP THOSE
ROBOTS!

WE'VE GOT TO
GET THOSE
PRISONERS OUT
OF HERE.

GOTCHA,
PHENIX

LET'S GO!
TIME'S NOT ON
OUR SIDE!

COME ON GUYS. THOSE
HUNTER ROBOTS HAVE A
BIG HEAD START-

AND THE CITY'S ONLY
TWO MILES AWAY.

I'LL TELEJUMP WALICE
AND MYSELF AHEAD.

HUH? HEY
WAIT!

PZIM!

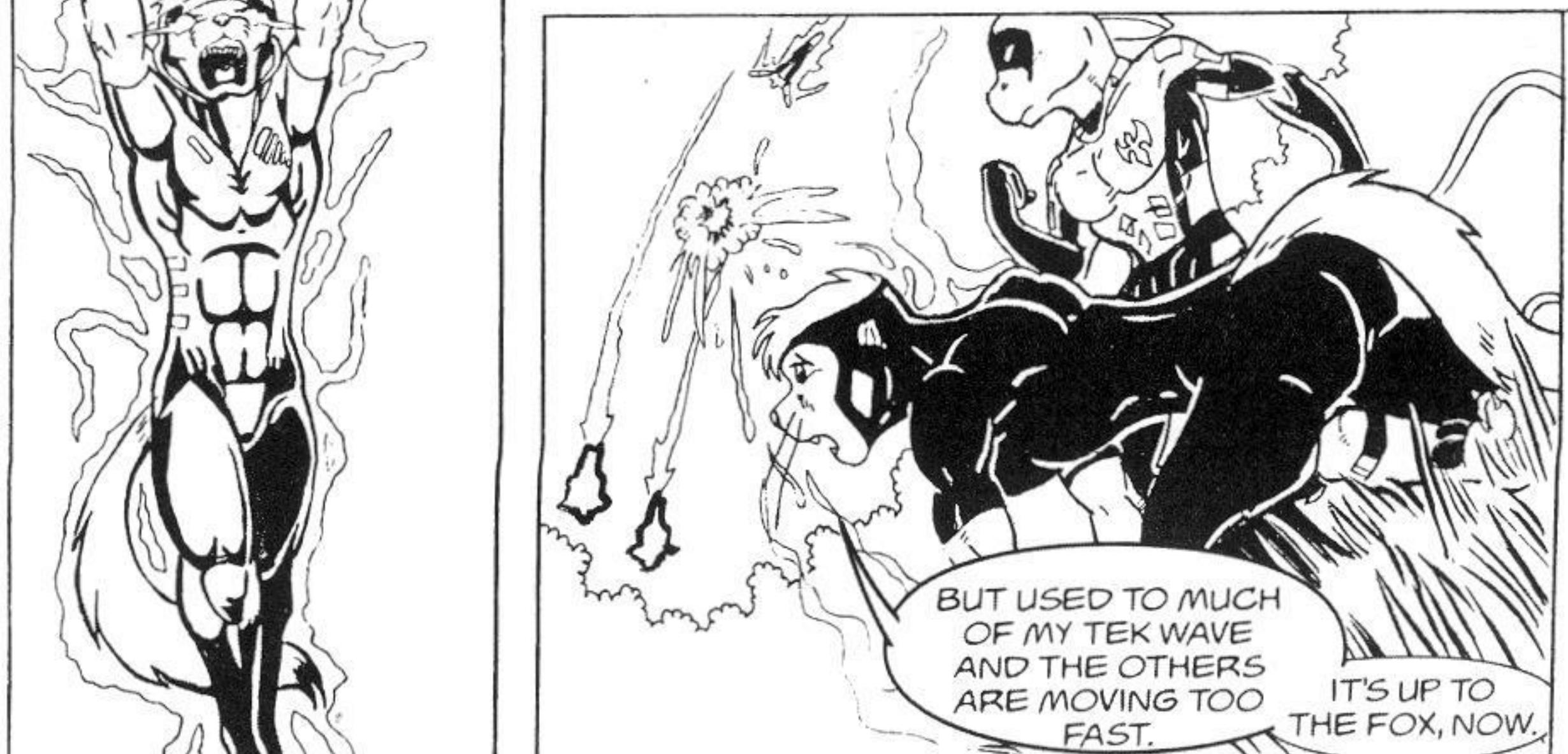
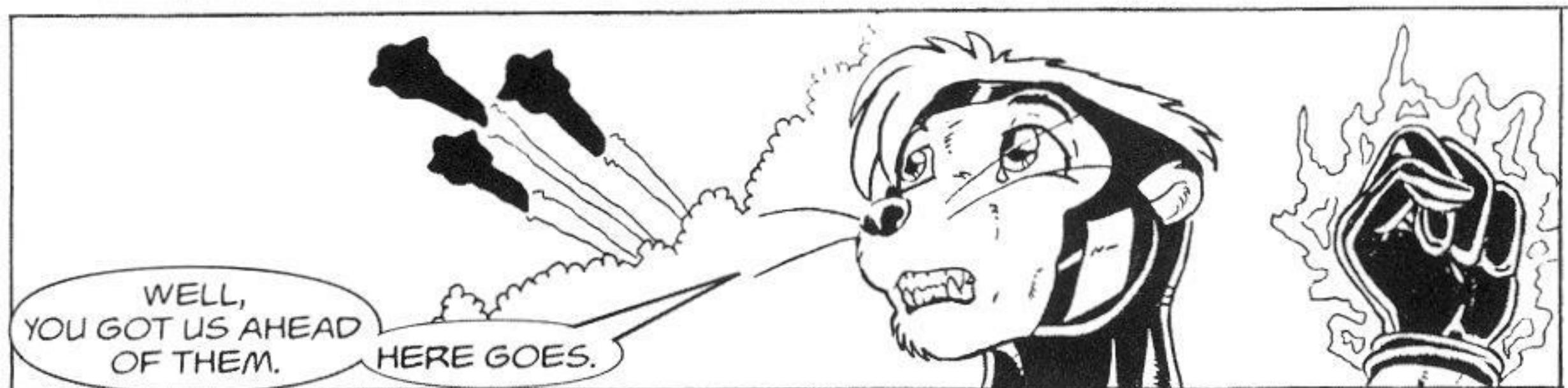
GEE. I REALLY
FEEL USEFUL.

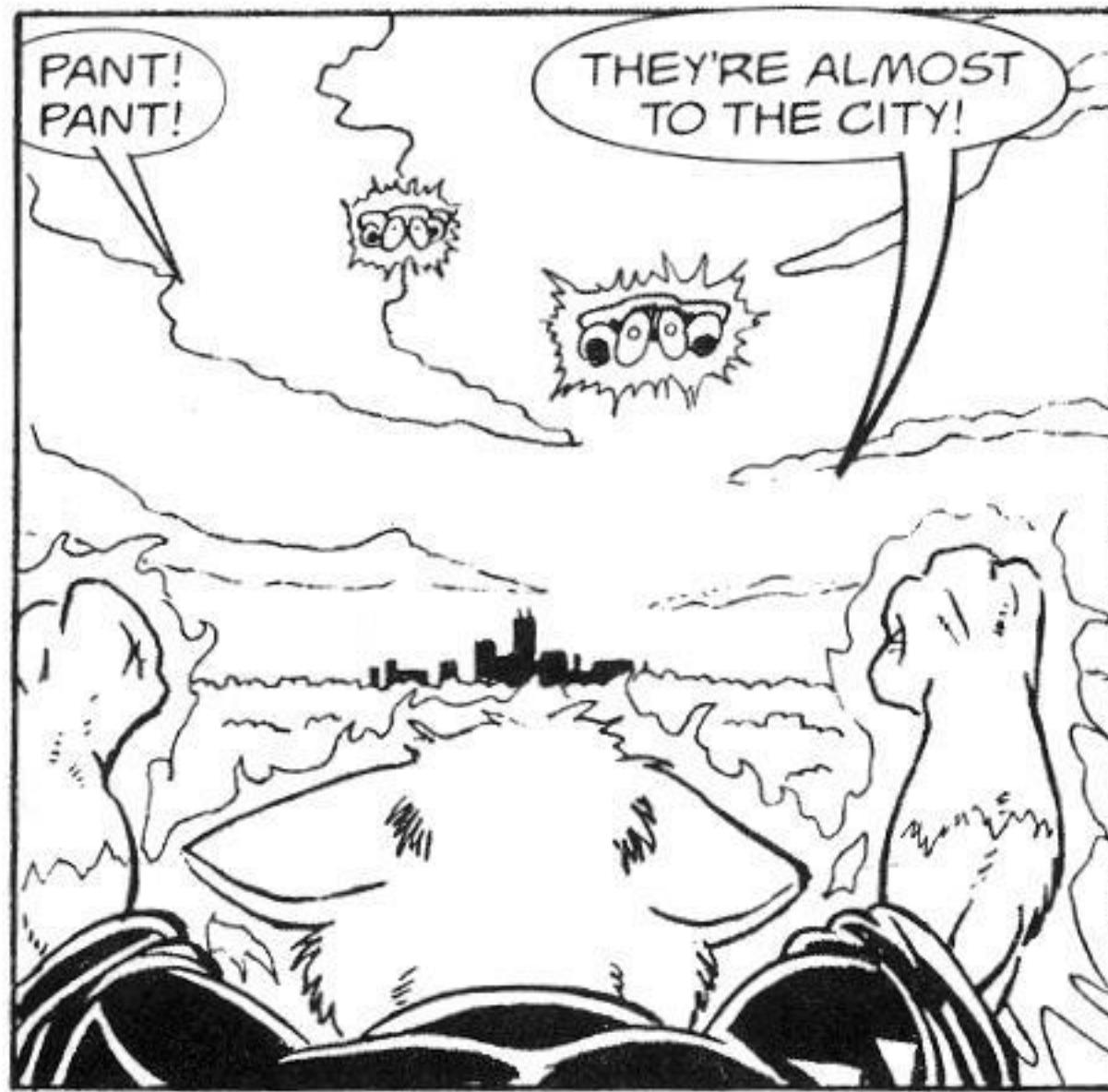
WISH US LUCK!

BE CAREFUL
RED!









NEVER FIGURED
IT'D END LIKE
THIS.

SORRY
SCARLET.
I LOVE....

YOOOO-
ACK!

GRAB

TAKE A LOAD
OFF, MATE.

YER
BACKUP'S
HERE

HI RED!

SORRY WE'RE LATE. IT
WAS KINDA HARD
REMEMBERING WHERE
THE COMPOUND WAS.

FOXY?

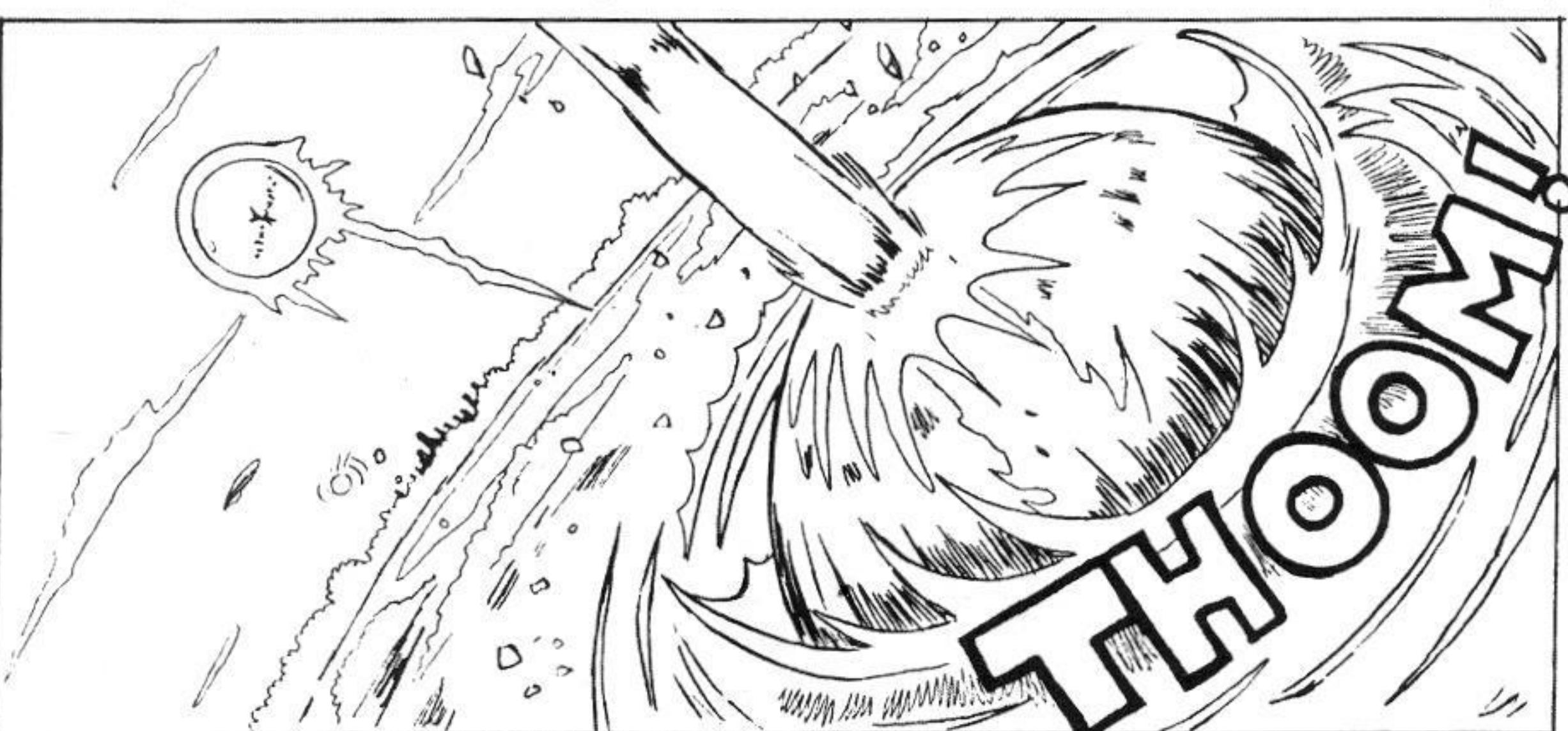
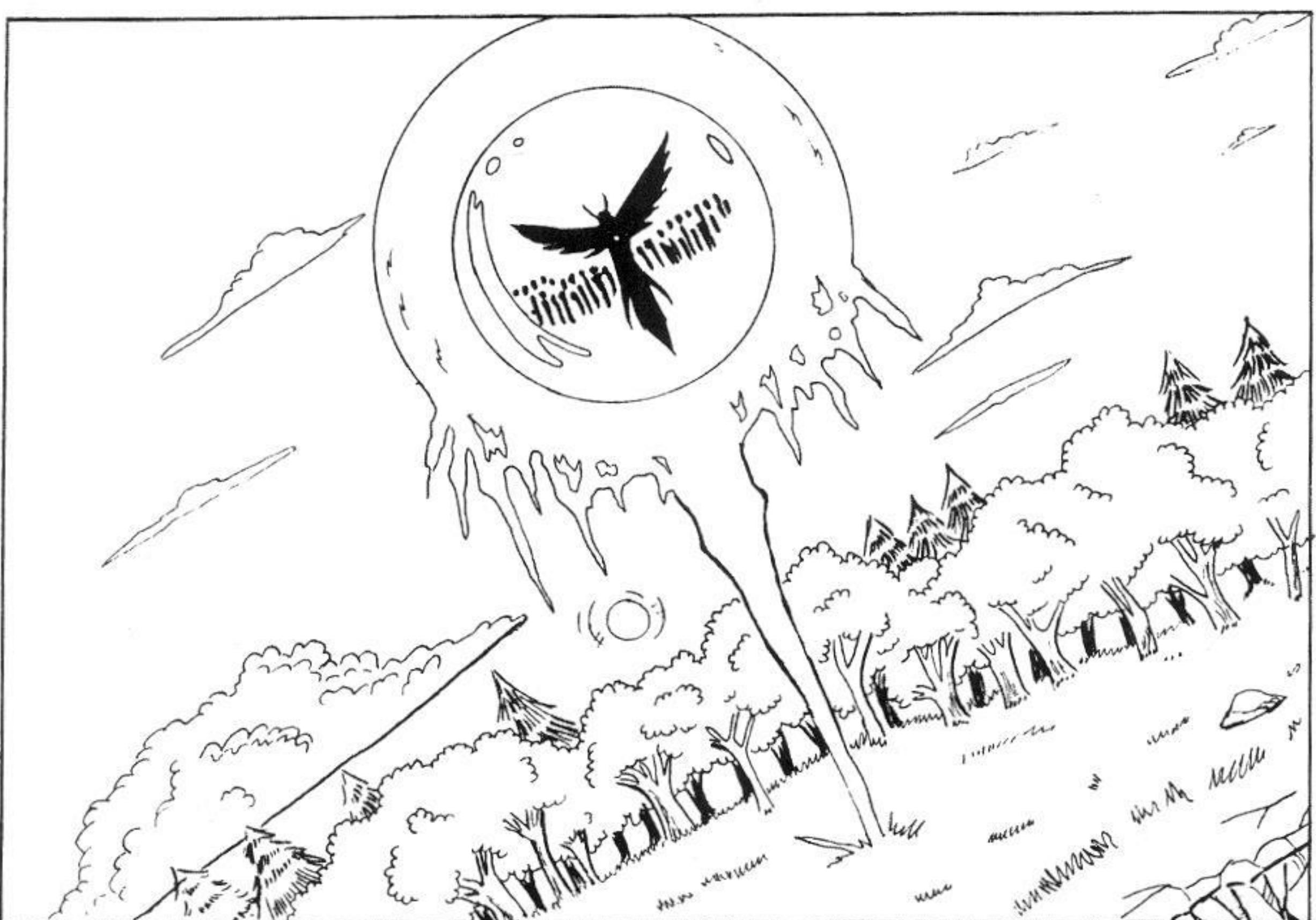
TISHA. ILLAROO.
TAKE ERICA AND HER
FRIEND BACK TO THE
COMPOUND.

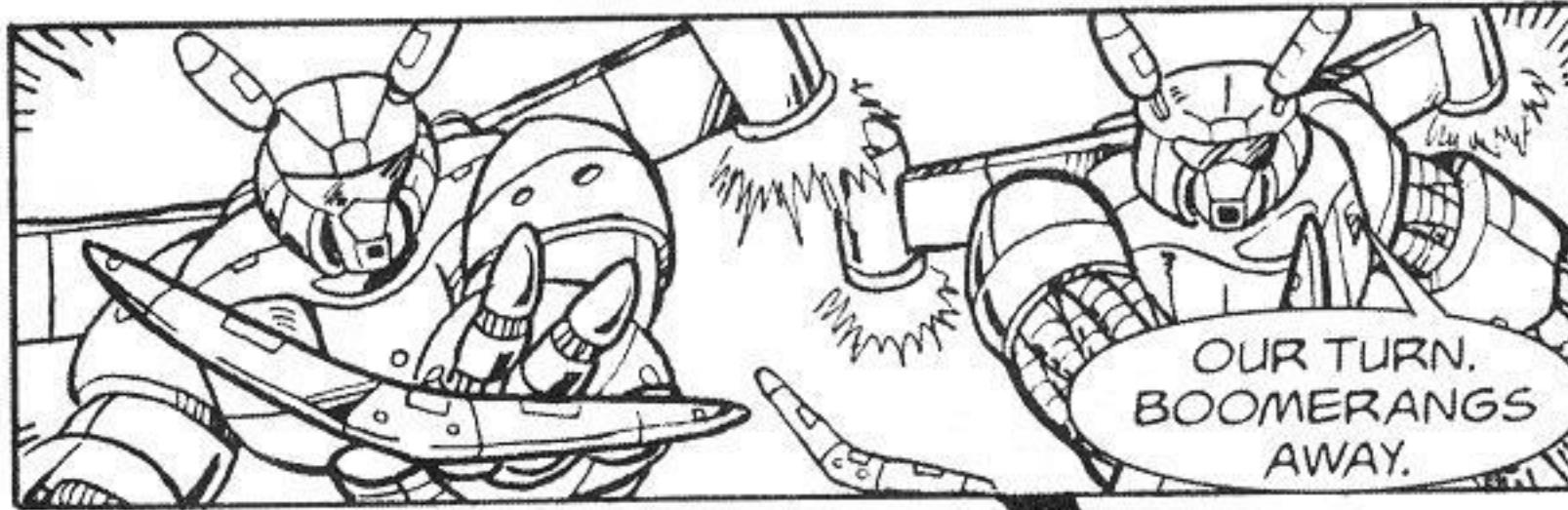
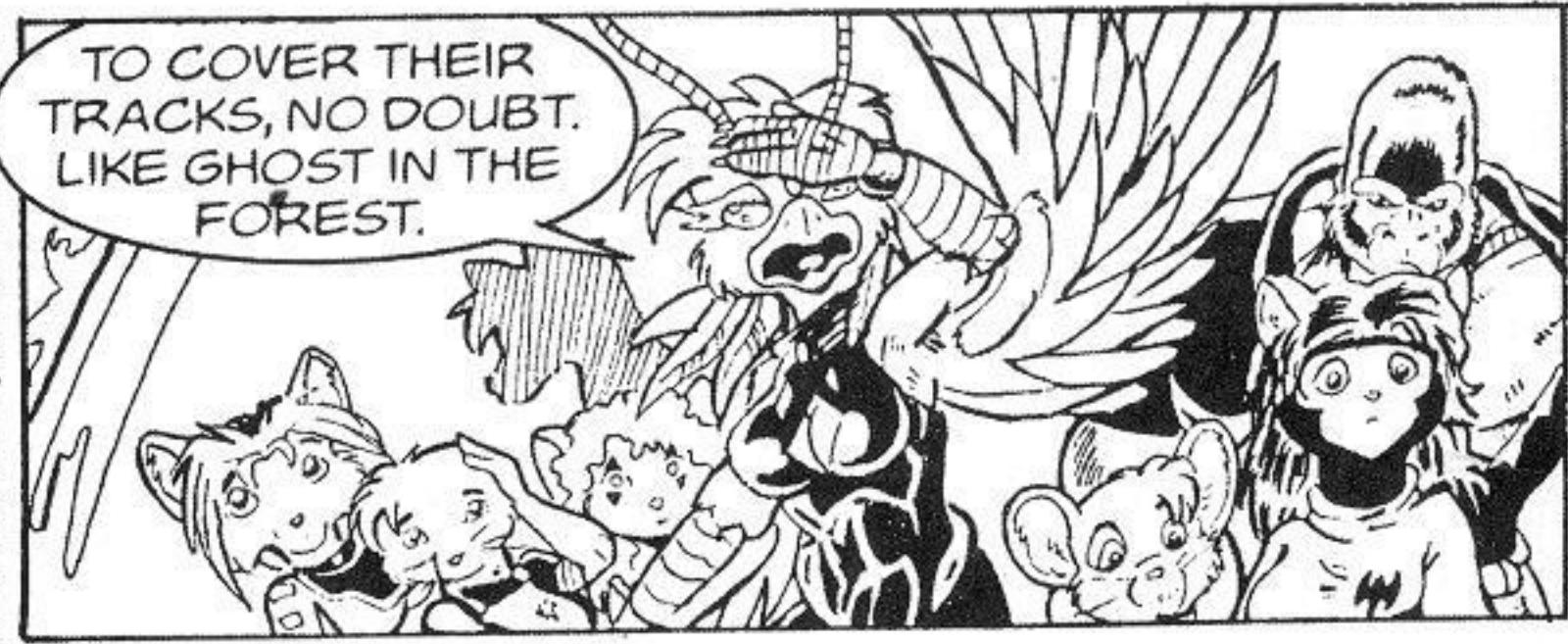
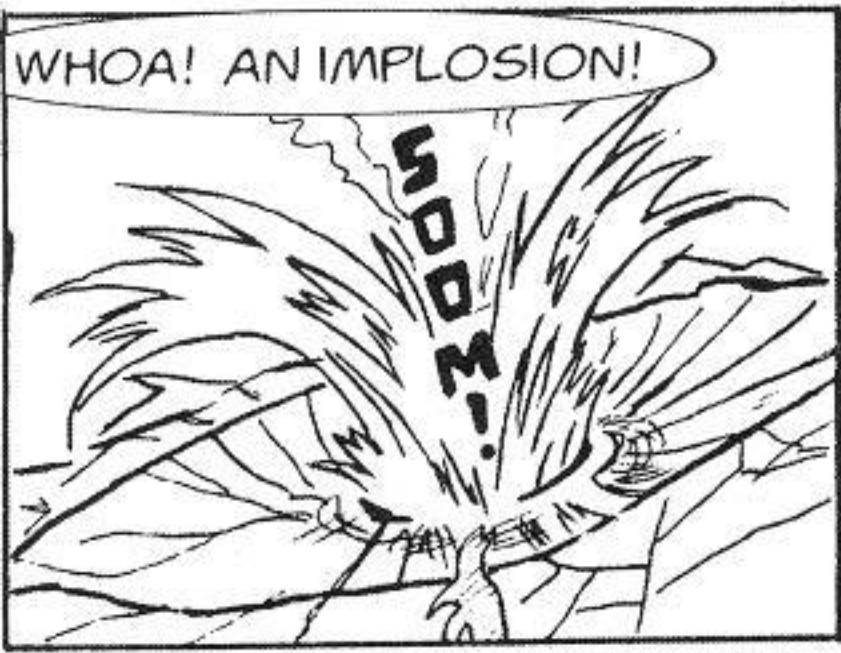
TINA AND THOMAS,
YOU'RE WITH ME.

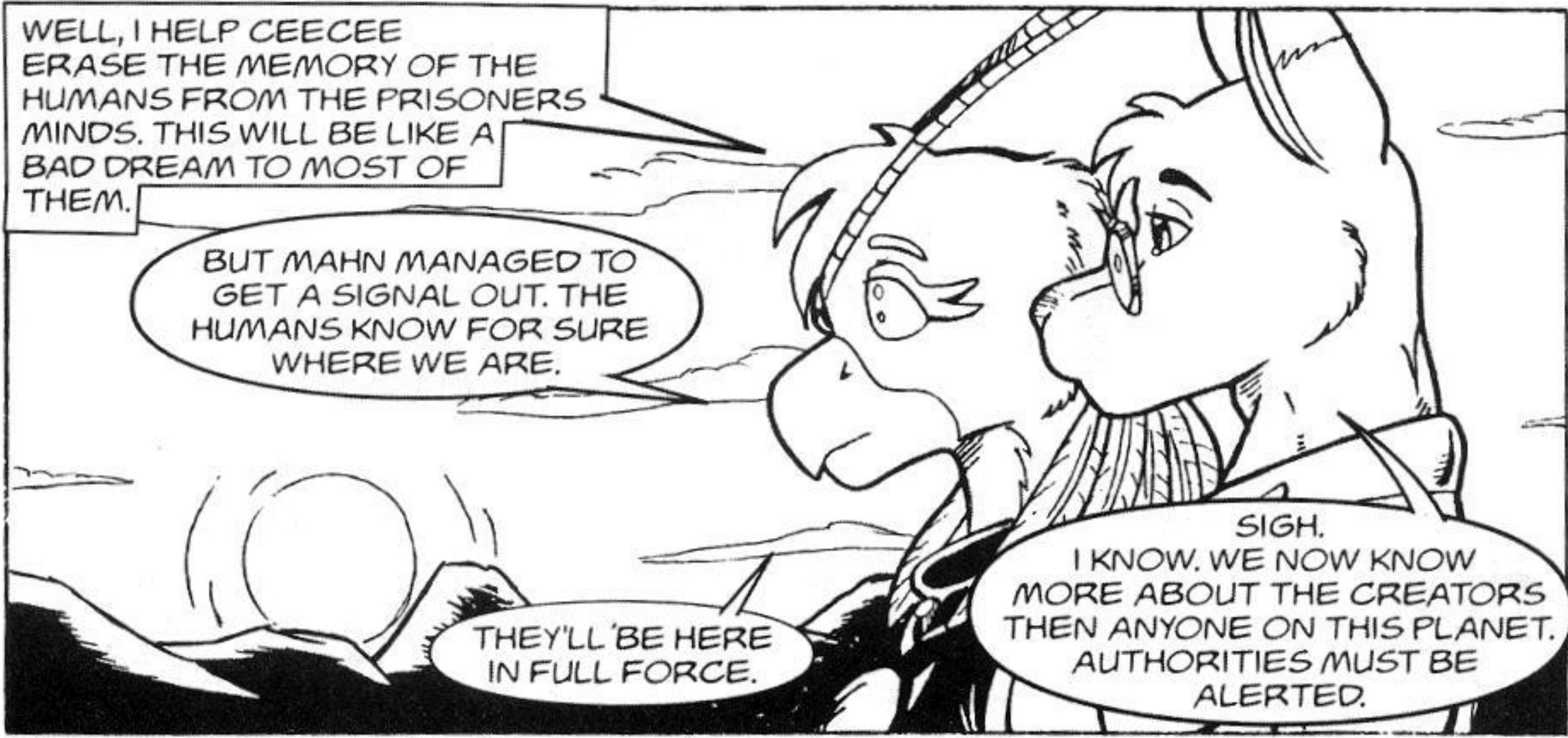
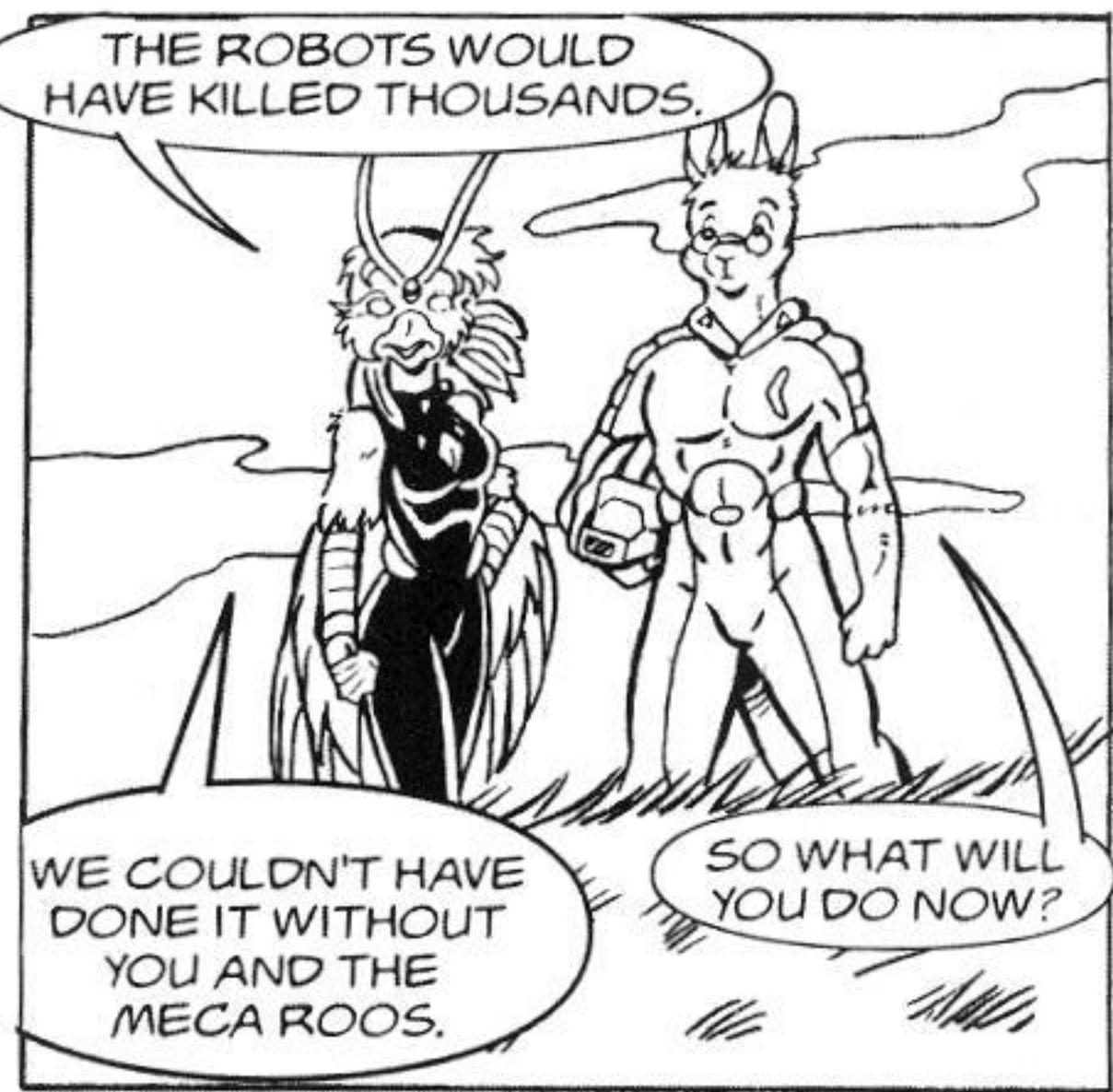
CHECK, RYAN.











WELL EVERYONE, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT YOU ALL DID A GREAT JOB IN THE FACE OF IMPOSSIBLE ODDS.

BUT I MUST ASK OF SOMETHING MORE THAT COULD CHANGE YOUR VERY LIVES.



WHILE WE'VE HALTED THE HUMAN THREAT, WE'VE BY NO MEANS STOPPED IT. THEY ARE COMING AND THEY DON'T SEEM VERY FRIENDLY ABOUT IT.

I HAVE SWORN TO PROTECT THIS WORLD, BUT I CAN'T DO IT ALONE.

SO WHO WANTS TO BE A HERO.

I HAVE MUCH TO MAKE AMENDS FOR.

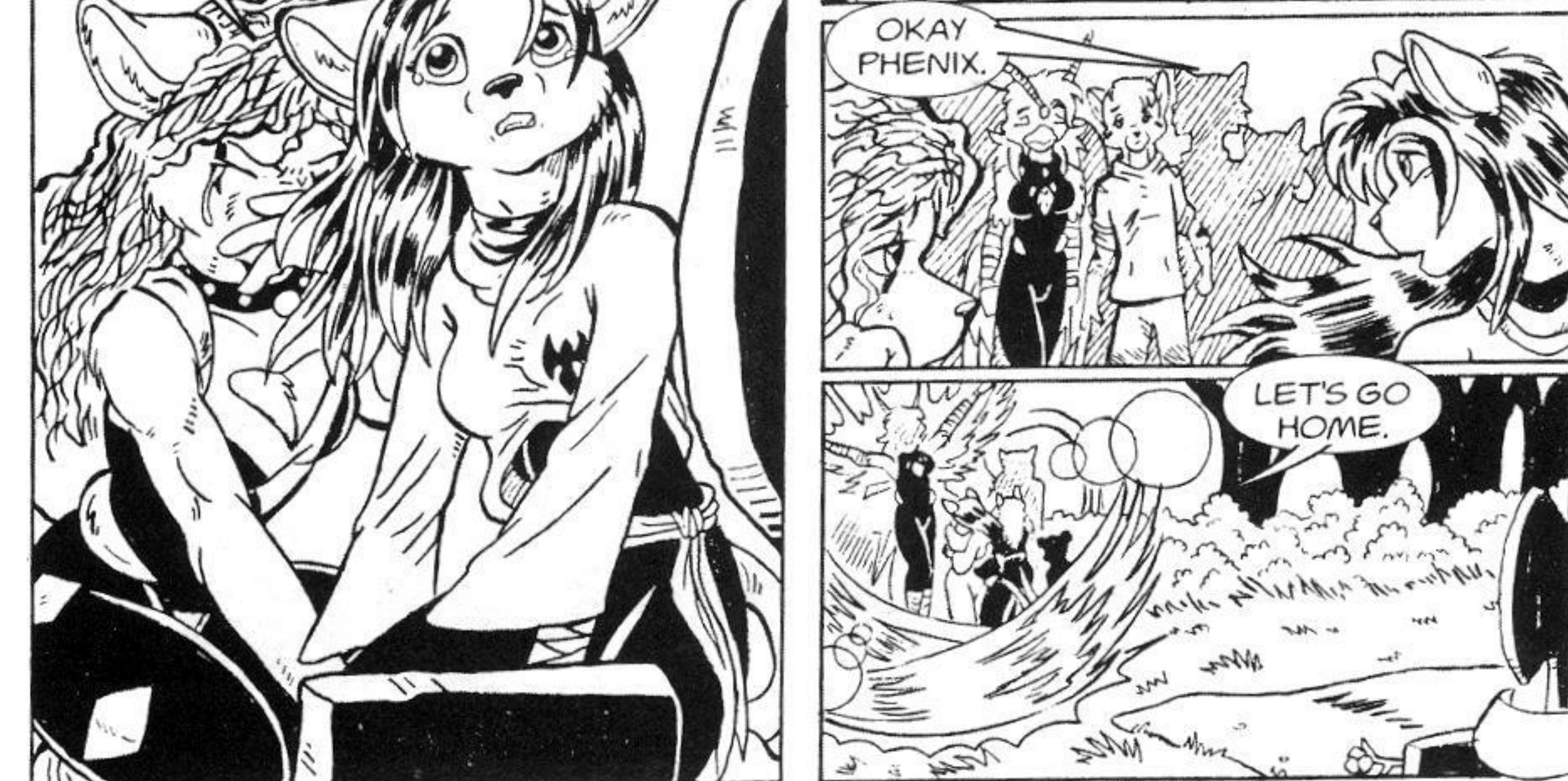
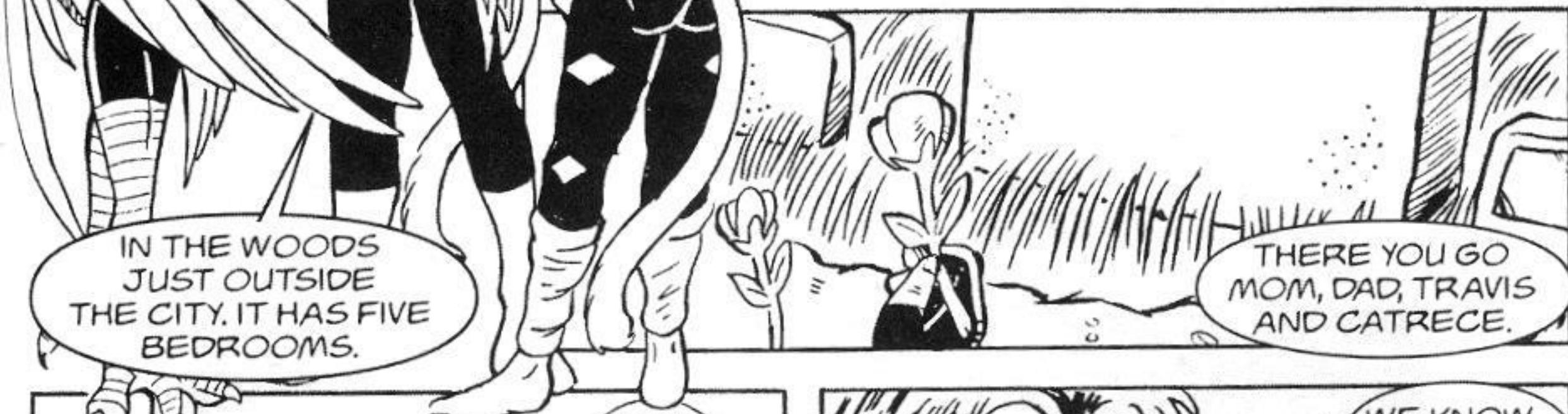
I WILL FIGHT, FOR THE HONOR OF MY PEOPLE AND THIS WORLD.

I WANT TO HELP! I CAN BE USEFUL TOO!

I WILL FIGHT WITH YOU.







EPILOGUE---

SIR.
WE'VE RECEIVED A
TRANSMISSION FROM
THE DRONE SCOUT
TEAM.

REPORT STATES THAT
THE PLANET'S

YES?

TERRAFORMING
AND COLONY
CONSTRUCTION
IS COMPLETE.
IT ALSO APPEARS
THAT THE BIO-
WEAPON

PROGRAM CODENAMED
"HYBRID", WAS ALSO
SUCCESSFUL.

HOWEVER, THE SCOUT
TEAM FAILED TO
ESTABLISH A HOLD
ON THE COLONY.

THE BIOWEAPONS
HAVE REBUFFED ALL
EFFORTS TOWARDS
GAINING RECONTROL
OF THE PLANET.

VERY WELL, COMMANDER
DOWNLOAD ALL DATA
TO MY PERCOM FOR
EXAMINATION.

ESTIMATED
ARRIVAL TIME?

ONE YEAR, CAPTAIN
MAHN.

GOOD.

MAINTAIN. SOON
EARTH WILL ONCE AGAIN
SEE THE
COMING OF MAN.